

Mobile, February 23rd 1858

Dear Sir

Mr. Waugh had been a notary public for several years previous ~~to~~ 1856 when he was again appointed - he neglected to file a new bond but went on to act as a notary public, his business being principally confined to marine protests and kindred matters. In this department he is particularly competent and entirely familiar with commercial usages and customs.

For acting without bond he was reported to the grand Jury by another adjuster of averages, and indicted under section 127 of the code - he pleaded guilty and the fine was assessed at five hundred dollars.

His bond now filed is as good as one can be made.

In my opinion the ends of justice will not be subserved by the collation of this fine, and I should be very glad to see it remitted. Had there been discussion with the petty jury it would have been nominal I think, and the grand Jury sent for Mr. Waugh for an explanation before indicting him but he ~~was~~ ^{did} not get to the court house until just as they adjourned.

Yours respectfully
Robert H. Smith



Hon A. B. Moore
Montgomery.

